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Beefsteak for Ministers.

BY T. DE WITT TALMAGE.

There have been lately several elaborate articles remarking upon what they call the lack of force and fire in the clergy. The world wonders that, with a rousing theme as the Gospel, and with such a grand work as saving souls, the ministry should ever be nervous, timid, and lacking of piety, and some to timidity of temperament. We believe that in a great number of cases it is from the lack of nourishing food. Many of the clerical brethren are on low diet. After jackets and sashes have been provided for the eight or ten children of the parsonage, the father and mother must watch the table with severest economy. Coming in suddenly upon the dinner-hour of the country clergyman, the housewife apologizes for what she calls a "picked-up" dinner, when, alas! it is nearly always picked-up.

Eight hundred or a thousand dollars for a minister is only a slow way of killing him, and is the worst style of homicide. Why do not the trustees and elders take a mallet or an ax, and with one blow put him out of his misery? Congregations sometimes mourn over dull preaching when themselves are to blame. Give your minister more beefsteak, and he will have more fire. Next to the divine union, the minister needs blood; and he cannot make that out of tough leather. One reason why the apostles preached so powerfully was that they had healthy food. Fish was cheap along the Galilee, and this, with unbleached bread, gave them plenty of phosphorus for brain-food. These early ministers were never invited out to late suppers, with chicken salad and doughnuts. Tea parties, with hot waffles, at ten o'clock at night, make rambly-jambly ministers; but good hours and substantial diet, that furnish nitrates for the muscles, and phosphorus for the brain, and carbonates for the whole frame, prepare a man for effective work.

When the water is low the mill-wheel goes slow; but a full race, and how fast the grists are ground. In a man the arteries are the mill-race, and the brain the wheel; and the practical work of life is the grist ground. The reason our soldiers failed in some of the battles was because their stomachs had for several days been innocent of everything but "hard-tack." See that your minister has a full harvest. Feed him on good during the week, and on Sunday he will give you grain. What is called the "parson's nose" in a turkey or fowl is an allegory setting forth that in many communities the minister comes out behind.

The damage begins in the college boarding house. The theological student has generally small means, and he must go to a cheap boarding-house. A frail piece of sausage trying to swim across a river of gravy on the breakfast plate, but drowned at last; the linked sweet-sour long drawn out; of flies in the molasses cup; the gristle of a tough egg, and nearly biscuit, and buckwheat cakes tough, as the cook's apron, and old peas in which the bugs lost their life before they had time to escape from the saucepan, and stale cucumber-seed upon small slices of cholera morbus, are the provender out of which we are trying at Princeton and Yale and New Brunswick to make Sons of Thunder. Sons of musty fumes, such depletion we step easping into the pulpit, and look so heavenly pale that the mothers in Israel are afraid we will evaporate before we get through our first sermon.

Many of our best young men in preparation for the ministry are going through this martyrdom. The strongest mind in our theological class perished, the doctors said afterwards from lack of food. The only time he could afford a doctor was for his post mortem examination. I give the financial condition of many of our young theological students when I say:

Income.....\$250 00
Board at \$3 per week (cheap place).....150 00
Clothing (shoddy).....100 00
Books (non-refundable).....25 00
Traveling expenses.....20 00

Here you see a deficit of fifty-one dollars. As there are no "stealings" in a theological seminary, he makes up the balance by selling books or teaching school. He comes into life cowed down, with a patch on both knees and several other places, and a hat that has been "done over" four or five times, and so weak that the first sharp wind that whistles round the corner blows him into glory. The ministers you come plain in the ministry starts early. Do you suppose that if Paul had spent seven years in a cheap boarding-house, and the years after in a poorly supplied parsonage, he would have made Felix tremble. No! The first glance of the Roman procurator would have made him apologize for intrusion.

Do not think that all your eight-hundred-dollar minister needs a Christmas present of an elegantly bound copy of "Calvin's Institutes." He is sound already on the doctrine of election, and it is a poor consolation if in this way you remind him that he has been ruined, ruined to starve to death. Keep your minister on artichokes and purslain, and he will be fit to preach nothing but funeral sermons from the text "Altho' flesh is grass." While feeling most of all our need of the life that comes from above, let us not ignore the fact that many of the clergy to-day need more gymnastics, more fresh air, more nutritious food. Prayer cannot do the work of beefsteak. You cannot keep a hot fire in the furnace with poor fuel and the damper turned.

NOTICE.

In order to make room for my SPRING AND SUMMER STOCK, (which I intend shall be the best and most complete ever in this city) I have determined to sell my remaining FALL AND WINTER BOOTS AND SHOES at Greatly Reduced Prices.

Persons in want of the above articles will find it greatly to their interests to call at No. 38 King street. Sign of the Gold and Opera Bells.

Feb 14-17 F. PAFF.

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Handsome, new style, on the First National Bank, small sizes just received and for sale by

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The symptoms of Liver Complaint are uneasiness and pain in the side. Sometimes the pain is in the shoulder, and is mistaken for rheumatism. The stomach is affected with loss of appetite and sickness, bowels in general constive, sometimes alternating with lax.

The head is troubled with pain, and dull, heavy sensation, considerable loss of memory, accompanied with painful tension of having left undone something which ought to have been done. Often complaining of weakness, debility and low spirits. Sometimes many of the above symptoms attend the disease, and at other times very few of them; but the liver is generally the organ most involved. Cure the Liver with

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A preparation of roots and herbs, warranted to be strictly vegetable, and can do no injury to any one.

It has been used by hundreds, and known for the last 40 years as one of the most reliable, efficacious and harmless preparations ever offered to the suffering. It taken regularly and persistently, it is sure to cure.

Dyspepsia, headache, jaundice, costiveness, sick headache, chronic diarrhoea, affections of the bladder, camp desecratory, affections of the kidneys, fever, nervousness, chills, diseases of the skin, impurity of the blood, melancholy, depression of spirits, heartburn, colic, or pain in the bowels, pain in the head, fever and ague, dropsy, boils, pain in the back, &c.

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Particular attention will be paid to the compounding of prescriptions day and night.

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S. LEADBEATER & BRO.

DEALERS IN PURE DRUGS AND MEDICINES, CHEMICALS, PAINTS, OILS, VARNISHES, GARDEN SEEDS, &c.

No. 5 and 7 South Fairfax St., Alexandria, Va.

H. H. COOK, WM. F. CREIGHTON, COOK & CREIGHTON.

Wholesale and Retail Dealers in PURE DRUGS AND CHEMICALS, PAINTS, OILS, VARNISHES, GARDEN SEEDS, &c.

WINDOW GLASS AND PUTTY. No. 107 King street.

Prompt attention given to orders and inquiries from the country.

SAMUEL H. JANNEY, MARION H. JANNEY, JANNEY & CO.

DEALERS IN PURE DRUGS, WHITE LEAD, Paints, Oils and Varnishes, FRENCH WINDOW GLASS & PUTTY.

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Orders and inquiries from the country promptly attended to.

BARGAINS.
CHEAP PIANOS AND ORGANS.

I now have for sale the largest assortment of first-class Pianos ever offered in Alexandria, from the best makers, such as Wm. Knabe & Co., and others. I will sell these at a great reduction from first cost on easy terms of monthly payments. I warrant them in perfect order, and will keep them in tune one year. They range in price from \$75 to \$275. Also Smith & Trice's celebrated Parlor Organs, suitable for churches.

I AM AGENT FOR Wm. Knabe & Co.'s Unrivalled Pianos, sold at factory prices. I will furnish any pattern and price on more liberal terms than in Baltimore. Call and see them.

A large assortment of SHEET MUSIC, vocal and instrumental. Instruction Books for all instruments. Any piece not on hand will be furnished by ordering from New York. The usual deductions allowed to schools, churches and teachers.

Violin and Guitar STRINGS, including the cheapest and the very best, with a general assortment of Violins, Guitars, Banjos, Flutes, Bows and other small musical merchandise.

I will sell all these instruments upon easy terms that will leave no reasonable cause to purchase elsewhere.

V. BECKER, 149 King st., near Washington st.

P. S.—All kinds of Musical Instruments tuned and repaired.

FLOWER SEEDS.—We have just received and opened a large variety of FRESH FLOWER SEEDS, put up in small packages, at 5c each, or by lot.

In lots of 1 dozen or more, we will mail them, free of postage, to any part of the country, on receipt of price. We would name in part the following varieties:—

African Hibiscus, Adonis Floer, China Aster, Sweet Alyssum, Balsam Apple, Balsam Pea, Bachelor Buttons, Double Balsams, Balloona Vine, Candytuft, Centaurea, Collinsia, Clematis, Canary Bird Flower, Columbine, Cosmos, Canterbury Bells, Chrysanthemum, Cypress Vine, Carnation, Daisy, Drummond's Phlox, Foxglove, Four O'clock, Gas Plant, Golden Chain, Swan's Egg, Garden Honeysuckle, Heartsease, Hollyhocks, Ice Plant, Jacob's Ladder, Larkspur, Lupinus, Mignonette, Mock Orange, Marigold, Morning Glory, Heliotropium, Verbena, Portulaca, China Pink, Sweet Peas, Scarlet Popp, Petunia, Japan Sweet, Sensitive Plant, Scarlet Runners, Sweet Runners, Sweet Scabious, Scarlet Sage, Touch-me-not, Sweet William, Sun Flower, Wall Flower, Ten Week Stocks, Violet, Snapdragon, Poinsettia, Marjanna, Nasturtium, Zinnia and many others. We especially invite the attention of the ladies.

JANNEY & CO., 145 King street.

FOR SALE CHEAP.
10,000 RED CEDAR RAILS, 12x10, 8 feet long, delivered on the Potomac at Monroe Creek, Westmoreland county, Va.

G. J. HAINES, Eldham P. O., Westmoreland co., Va. Feb 24-17

J. R. SMOOT, LIVE STOCK BROKER, WEST END.

Respectfully solicits consignments of Cattle, Cows and Calves, Hogs and Sheep. Address J. R. SMOOT, P. O. box 107, Alexandria, Va.

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WHITE PERALS AND LANCASTER CAMBRICS.
A beautiful assortment just opened by

WITMER & SLAYMAKER.

Persons in want of the above articles will find it greatly to their interests to call at No. 38 King street. Sign of the Gold and Opera Bells.

Feb 14-17 F. PAFF.

50 BUSHELS OF PRIME PEACH BLOW POTATOES in store and for sale at 201 King street.

Feb 14-17 AUGUSTUS WALL.

MSHLE'S HERB BITTERS. Schenck's Seafood Tonic and Wolff's Aromatic Schiedam Schnapps, just received and for sale by

WARFIELD & HALL.

FINANCIAL.

NEW 7-30 GOLD LOAN.

SAFE! PROFITABLE! PERMANENT!
JAY COOKE & CO.
Offer for sale at par and accrued interest the

FIRST MORTGAGE LAND GRANT GOLD BONDS
—OF THE—
Northern Pacific Railroad Co.

These bonds are secured, first, by a First Mortgage on the Railroad itself, its rolling stock and all equipments; second, by a First Mortgage on its entire Land Grant, being more than Twenty-Two Thousand Acres of Land to each mile of Road.

The Bonds are free from United States tax; the Principal and Interest are payable in Gold; the Principal at the end of Thirty years, and the Interest Semi-annually, at the rate of SEVEN AND THREE-FOURTHS PER CENT. per annum.

They are issued in denominations of \$100, \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000 and \$10,000.

The Trustees under the Mortgage are Messrs. Jay Cooke, of Philadelphia, and J. Edgar Thomson, President of the Pennsylvania Central Railroad Company.

These Northern Pacific 7-30 Bonds will, at all times before maturity, be receivable at TEN PER CENT. PREMIUM (or 1.10 in exchange for the Company's lands at their lowest cash price.

In addition to their absolute safety, these Bonds yield an income larger, we believe, than any other first-class security. Persons holding United States 5-20's can, by converting them into Northern Pacifics, increase their yearly income one-third, and still have a perfectly reliable investment.

HOW TO GET THEM.—Your nearest Bank or Banker will supply these bonds in any desired amount, and of any needed denomination. Persons wishing to exchange stocks or other bonds for these, can do so with any of our agents, who will allow the highest current price for ALL MARKETABLE SECURITIES.

These living in localities remote from Banks may send money, or other bonds, directly to us by express, and we will send back Northern Pacific bonds at our own risk, and without cost to the investor. For further information, pamphlets, maps, etc., call on or address the undersigned, or any of the Banks or Bankers employed to sell this loan.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK, CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK, BURKE & HERBERT, W. D. CORSE & CO.
Who will furnish all required information. Jan 30-17

First Nat. Bank of Alex., Va.
This Bank having been appointed agent to receive subscriptions to the NEW LOAN OF THE UNITED STATES for refunding United States 6-20's, public notice is hereby given that it is now prepared to receive such subscriptions under the act approved July 14th, 1870, entitled "an act to authorize the refunding of the National debt," and the act in amendment thereof, approved January 20th, 1871.

mh 6-1m CHAS. R. HOFF, Cashier.

JOHN W. BURKE, ARTHUR HERBERT, BURKE & HERBERT.

BANKERS, OFFICE COR. KING AND WATER STS., ALEXANDRIA, VA.

UNCURRENT MONEY, GOLD AND SILVER COIN, AND EXCHANGE.

Bonds and Stocks bought and sold on commission. Loans negotiated, Sight Drafts, Checks and Time Bills collected on all accessible points and remitted for promptly.

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Internal Revenue stamps for sale. sep 1-17

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WILMER D. CORSE & CO., Nos. 57 and 59 KING ST., Alexandria, Virginia.

WILL DEAL IN DOMESTIC EXCHANGE, GOLD AND SILVER COIN, UNCURRENT MONEY, RAILROAD BONDS, &c., &c.

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SIXTY-FIVE FIRST PRIZE MEDALS AWARDED. THE GREAT SOUTHERN PIANO MANUFACTURING CO.,

Wm. Knabe & Co., Manufacturers of GRAND, SQUARE AND UPRIGHT PIANOS, BALTIMORE, MD.

These Instruments have been before the public for nearly thirty years, and upon their excellence alone attained an *unprecedented* pre-eminence, which pronounces them unequalled. Their

combines great power, sweetness and fine singing quality, as well as great purity of intonation, and sweetness throughout the entire scale. Their

TOUCH is pliant and elastic, and entirely free from the stiffness found in so many Pianos.

IN WORKMANSHIP they are unequalled, using none but the very best seasoned material, the large capital employed in our business enabling us to keep continually an immense stock of lumber, &c., and

all our SQUARE PIANOS have our New Improved Overstrung Scale and the Agraffe Treble.

We would call special attention to our late improvements in GRAND PIANOS and SQUARE GRANDS, Patented Aug. 14, 1866, which bring the Piano nearer perfection than has yet been attained.

Every Piano fully warranted for Five Years. We have made arrangements for the Sole Wholesale Agency for the most celebrated PIANO ORGANS, MELODIONS, which we offer, wholesale and retail, at lowest factory prices.

Wm. Knabe & Co., Baltimore, Md.

NEW GOODS AT VERY LOW PRICES!
5 lbs. Dried Marigolds, P. R. and N. O. Sugars.

15 lbs. Refined Sugar and Java Coffee.

25 sacks No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

15 tierces prime Western Leaf Lard.

3 tierces choice Sugar-cured Hams.

3 hds. George & Jenkins' Shoulders and Breakfast Bacon.

20 boxes Adamantine, Paraffine and Sperm Candles.

10 boxes prime Factory Cheese.

10 boxes Fox's Pearl Starch.

40 boxes Stearine, Babbitt's, Warfield's and other Soaps.

Prime New Orleans and P. R. Molasses and Golden Syrup, together with a full assortment of other goods making a complete assortment of CHOICE FAMILY GROCERIES.

We call attention to the fact that the above goods have all been purchased since the reduction of the tariff and decline in prices, and we are, therefore, enabled to offer them at such prices as shall defy competition.

jan 18-17 AVERY & DAVIDSON, 226 King st., cor. Alfred.

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WM. COGAN, No. 15 North Royal street. Has constantly on hand a large and complete assortment of

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STEAM PIPE, GAGES, COCKS, VALVES, and everything in the Steam Fitting Line. Public Buildings and Dwellings furnished and fitted up with Gas in the most substantial and elegant manner.

Steam Work for Factories, Mills, &c., promptly and faithfully executed; all at prices which will give satisfaction.

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JAMIESON & COLLINS, Proprietors, COR OF ROYAL & WILKES STS., ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Building Material, Mill Work and Castings of every description made at short notice.

Cash paid for old Iron and Brass.

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Where he is prepared to furnish all kinds of MACHINERY, WROUGHT AND CAST IRON FENCES, &c.

Repairing done with dispatch, and at prices that were charged previous to the war. jan 20-17

PHILIP PARK, PRACTICAL PLUMBER, No. 12 South Fairfax street.

The oldest and best established Plumbing establishment in the city. All work done with dispatch, and in the most durable and workmanlike manner. Satisfaction guaranteed.

JOBBING done at short notice, and by himself, or the most experienced workman. jan 21-17

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He invites his friends and customers to call and examine his stock.

ELEGANT HAIR adds a charm to the plainest face; but when faded, features before agreeable lose their comeliness, and the whole expression is that of advancing age. This being a fact, it is not surprising that even ingenious articles should have been prepared to supply the millions who wish to avoid premature gray hair.

Under these circumstances it will scarcely be wondered that NATTAN'S CRYSTAL DISCOVERY should have met with such extraordinary success.

It is the only preparation furnishing a safe and reliable restorer for hair; absolutely free from all poisonous and deleterious matter and without sediment, and thousands have thousands have availed themselves of it, not simply because it restores the color of the hair, but because it supplies nourishment. It feeds the roots of the hair, so that where decayed it becomes vigorous and healthy again. From all sections of the country orders and testimonials are received daily, speaking in the highest terms of its quality as the only preparation that ever gave entire satisfaction. Those who have used CRYSTAL DISCOVERY will not use any thing else; but to those who have not tried this excellent article it is recommended that when they are again in want of something of the kind to give it a trial; you will be more than pleased; you will be delighted with it, and will never again be without it. Don't let your druggist, if he has not got CRYSTAL DISCOVERY persuade you to buy something else, or you will be disappointed; rather go where you can get it put up in large bottles, containing half as much more as any other in market, and consequently much the cheapest. Price one dollar. For sale by WARFIELD & HALL, and druggists generally.

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Manufacturer and Dealer in

CIGARS, TOBACCO, SNUFF, PIPES, &c., &c., &c.

No. 71 KING STREET.

Give me a call. jan 8-17

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244 ACRES within 34 miles of Alexandria, about 100 acres of which are cleared. The soil is as kind as any in the county, with a comfortable DWELLING thereon.

540 ACRES on the south side of the Little River Turnpike road, seven miles from Alexandria and one mile north of Springfield station, on the O. & A. M. R. R. This tract lies between the Theological Seminary of King and St. Asaph streets, in the city of Alexandria, Va., on MONDAY, March 27th, A. D. 1871, at 12 o'clock m.

Apply to WM. H. IRWIN, No. 5 S. Union st., Alex., Va. jan 9-17

SHIRT MAKING. MADAME DURAND, Having returned to Alexandria to practice her vocation, begs leave to notify her old customers and many friends in this vicinity that she is prepared to do all work in her line at the shortest notice.

Mad. Durand is a professional Shirt Maker having been engaged in this business for over twenty years.

She does all her work by measurement, and in every instance will guarantee a perfect fit.

Rooms for the present, No. 285 King st. jan 31-17

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING. Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the stockholders of the ALEXANDRIA AND WASHINGTON RAILROAD COMPANY will convene at the office of the company, corner of King and St. Asaph streets, in the city of Alexandria, Va., on MONDAY, March 27th, A. D. 1871, at 12 o'clock m.

Feb 22-17 O. A. STEVENS, Secretary.

CHOICE VA. ROLL BUTTER just received by

J. C. MILBURN.

CABINET FURNITURE.

FINEST WAREHOUSES IN THE SOUTH.
WM. H. MUR & SON, Manufacturers of

FURNITURE, 141 and 143 King street, ALEXANDRIA, VA.

A large and fine stock always on hand. Jan 25

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Having fitted up our factory with the latest and most approved machinery, we are prepared to furnish all kinds of HOUSE, OFFICE and SCHOOL FURNITURE at the very lowest rates; and are also prepared to do all kinds of SAWING, TURNING, MOULDING, PLANING and CARVING in our line.

Wanted, in exchange for Furniture, Walnut, Poplar, Oak, Maple, Birch and Cedar Logs. Jan 8-17

JAMES H. DEVAUGHN, No. 130 King street, Alexandria, Va. Manufacturer and Dealer in FURNITURE.

Looking Glass, Hair, Cotton Top, and Husk Mattresses, kept constantly on hand and made to order at reasonable prices. sep 30-17

C. C. BRADLEY, Manufacturer and Dealer in FURNITURE, 305 Corner King and Alfred streets, Alexandria, Va.

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